

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Scat.mov

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000163.004

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 23 July 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 23 July 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Scat.mov	4:18
Total running time:		4:18

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the use of excrement in association with sexual conduct. While there is nothing coercive about the video, there can be serious health risks associated with coprophagia and the other ways excrement is used sexually in this video. Thus there is a risk to the public good if this conduct was normalized. In particular, young people with limited sexual knowledge may interpret this conduct as normal and this may influence their own attitudes and behaviours. The expectation set out in s3(2)(d) in relation to the use of excrement in association with sexual conduct leaves little latitude for decisions on this type of material. The video is therefore deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(d) of the FVPC Act. This is an interference with

the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is the only outcome consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent such material from being publicly available.